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S. J. RES. 136

To designate the month of July 1994 as “Lewis and Clark Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 7), 1993

Mr. SIMON introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas during the period from 1804 to 1806, Captain William Clark and Captain Meriwether Lewis patriotically and faithfully fulfilled President Thomas Jefferson’s command to explore the land known as the Louisiana Territory, which had been purchased by the United States from Napoleon;

Whereas Lewis and Clark explored the Missouri River from its mouth on the Mississippi River to its headwaters in the Rocky Mountains;

Whereas at the direction of President Jefferson, Lewis and Clark carefully recorded the linguistic, social, religious, traditional practices, and distinctiveness of each Native American nation they encountered during their journey in

order to further intercultural understanding and foster friendly and harmonious relations with such nations;

Whereas the Lewis and Clark expedition traversed the future States of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, giving each of these States a lasting and critical place in one of the greatest explorations in recorded history;

Whereas Lewis and Clark accomplished what most historians still consider an impossible journey of 8,000 miles through primarily uncharted, hostile wilderness; and

Whereas the endeavors of Lewis and Clark changed the course of world history and paved the way for America's emergence as a continental power: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That the month of July 1994 is hereby designated as
 4 “Lewis and Clark Month”. The President is authorized
 5 and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the
 6 people of the United States to celebrate this month with
 7 the appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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